

Intercity Public Transportation in Washington State

Network Planning & Implementation

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What's happening in the intercity bus program?

Project status:

*'Washington State Intercity
& Rural to-Urban Public
Transportation Network
Plan'*

➡ *Planning*

➡ *Policy*



A New Day for Intercity Bus



Intercity Program Goals

- ➡ *Network functionality*
- ➡ *Utilize available funds*
- ➡ *Follow to FTA Section 5311(f) program directives*

These goals are not entirely supported by WSDOT's existing Intercity Bus Program policies...

Policy Issues

➡ ***Need to develop network of intercity services with statewide significance – Network perspective, not hodgepodge***

➡ ***Need to select best operator for each project – Competition between providers, not projects***

➡ ***Need for more accessible funds – Service based on need and network significance, not available resources***

Policy Development

- ➡ ***'One Network' concept***
- ➡ ***Separate Intercity Program from the Consolidated Grant Program...***
- ➡ ***In its place, a request for proposals for specific portions of the identified network***

Intercity Bus Service

- Direct Service
- ▨ Circumferential
- ▤ Feeder
- ▥ Express
- ▧ Circumferential
- ▨ Express
- ▤ Express
- ▥ Express
- ▧ Express
- ▨ Express

Potential Hurdles

- ➡ ***Raised expectations/Learning curve***
- ➡ ***Industry regulation***





The End Result:

Among the many benefits...

- ➡ *High performance and accountability*
- ➡ *Enhanced responsiveness to industry change*
- ➡ *More regionally significant service*
- ➡ *Able to deliver more service and network support*

Questions?

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